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***A.C.T.I.O.N. Task Force***  
*Kerr McGee Community Center Meeting Rooms*  
*November 9, 2009*  
*6:00 pm*

***Minutes***

Committee Members: Mayor Pro Tem Ron Carter, City Councilman Chip Holloway, Chief of Police Ron Strand

Recording Secretary: Lori Blowers, Administrative Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Pro Tem Ron Carter.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by everyone present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: There was a motion from Ron Strand to approve the agenda, second by Ron Carter. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There was a motion to approve the minutes by Ron Strand, second by Ron Carter to APPROVE THE MINUTES for May 12, 2009. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Nancy Ribultan, IWVFC –
  1. Handout on violence free youth training, this Wednesday.
  2. Handout on what parent's can do to prevent gang involvement and a quick reference chart.
  3. Handout on training coming out on solutions to bullying. November 20<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield, \$35 fee.
  4. Parenting classes starting in January.
- Josephine Mueller – Recycle group with Youth Advisory Committee. Children are asking if someone is caught littering if they are fined by the Police Dept. Problem areas are between Burroughs High School and China Lake Blvd. Inquiring if trash pick-up is part of community service. McDonald's has a adopt-a-highway sign in that area. Police has to witness littering in order to give someone a ticket. Teen Court may or may not include trash pick-up. Chief Strand will get an answer. Contact Parks & Rec. to find out who is designated that area. Community service is done through the Probation Dept.
- Carrie Bond, Wrap around – Work with kids who are on probation, wards of the court, adoption, and school referrals through the A.B. program. Referrals are made through their probation officer who is the deciding factor. Deal with risky behavior and kids who have gone through several different programs or are currently on programs, but aren't improving. Provide intensive services in the home and/or school. Work as a team and partner with the parents. Provide behavior modification and weekly goals. Federally funded specifically towards behavior modification. Behavior incentives are paid for when goals are met. Based in Wofford Heights, but Carrie works all over East Kern. Goal is to try and

keep them out of group homes. Police Dept. can contact Carrie with a referral and they will contact the child's probation officer to get approval.

- Ralph Mueller- Working with 7-8 different churches to coordinate youth hang-outs. Next hang out this Friday at Immanuel from 7-9:30 p.m. Christian concert December 11<sup>th</sup> at Joshua Hall. \$10 adults and free for youth.

#### UPDATES ON STRATEGY/ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

##### 1. **School Reports –**

###### a. Officer Agostinacci-

- Nothing to report at the Middle school level.

Officer Franco – Not present.

Michelle Acosta – District wide it's been fairly quite. There is a concern of many Burrough's students smoking marijuana on the way to school.

###### **Neighborhood Watch –** Nancy Young, PACT Coordinator

- A couple of big meetings in the last couple months. Conducted meeting with Larkspur apartments who is using building Captains. One person is in charge of each building. The other meeting was with a community of 75 homes that are all tied together (Veada, Mary, Norma, and Bowman). A revisit is coming up on Felspar, off Downs, next week with Officer Castaneda.

##### 2. **Y.E.S. –** Lauren Elliott

- Promoted to take over Starla's position.
- Fifteen active sites right now. Extension to funding, \$400,000 through June, 2010.
- Serving sixty-five kids of whom twelve have gained employment. The others are still working.
- Still looking for work sites. Contact Lauren if you know of any interested businesses. No cost to the business, except for their own internal training costs.
- Working on group projects with the youth.
- Looking to serve another sixty between now and June, 2010. Youth needs to have a birth certificate as well as a personal barrier that keeps them from getting a job on their own.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS –** None.

Committee comments – Ron Strand, Chief

- Teen Court up and running. Hoping to have 1<sup>st</sup> Teen court on November, 17<sup>th</sup>. Theresa Cook was hired as coordinator.
- Looking at adding mental health links to the city website.

The next ACTION meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:00 pm, Kerr McGee Center.

ADJOURNMENT – The official meeting was adjourned by Mayor Pro Tem Ron Carter.